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TAGS: EAIR, HK, US
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NOMADS LANDING PERMISSION

REF: A) MANILA 8078 (NOTAL), B) HONG KONG 6190 (NOTAL)

1. ACCOMPANIED BY CONGEN COMMERCIAL SECTION CHIEF AND CIVIL AVIATION OFFICER, NOMADS PRESIDENT JOE BENICH CALLED ON HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR (HKCAD) ROY DOWNING, WEDNESDAY 17 MAY TO MAKE HIS CASE PERSONALLY. AFTER HEARING BENICH'S LENGTHY PRESENTATION AND SUPPORTING COMMENT BY CONGEN OFFICERS, DOWNING REGRETTED NOMADS SITUATION BUT WAS ADAMANT IN SAYING HKG COULD NOT EXCEPT NOMADS FROM THE \$150 MILLION LIABILITY INSURANCE NOW REQUIRED FOR NON-SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL CARRIERS TO LAND AT KAI TAK. IN THE END BENICH AGREED TO BUY THE NECESSARY INSURANCE BUT NOW FACES A TIGHT DEADLINE IN OBTAINING HKCAD APPROVAL FOR SATURDAY MAY 20 LANDING.

2. HKCAD REQUIRES "DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE" THAT NOMADS HAS THE \$150 MILLION INSURANCE AND WILL ACCEPT CERTIFICATION OF NOMADS INSURANCE COVERAGE FROM THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE (UKDOT). NOMADS US INSURANCE AGENT HAS A LONDON REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GET UKDOT'S CERTIFICATION.

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3. FOR LONDON. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONTACTING THE INSURANCE REP, MIKE BROOKMAN OF LONRHO INSURANCE LTD. OR BALFOUR WILLIAMSON LTD. AND FACILITATING HIS OBTAINING UKDOT CERTIFICATION OF NOMADS INSURANCE COVERAGE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY VERIFYING THAT UKDOT HAS CABLED THE CERTIFICATION TO HKCAD, AND NOTIFYING CONGEN AND EMBASSY MANILA

WHEN THAT HAS BEEN DONE.

4. FOR MANILA CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S KEEPING
BENICH INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NOMADS CASE AS REPORTED
FROM CONGEN AND EMBASSY LONDON.
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